LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE POLICE AND THE EXCISE LAW. REPLY OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE QUESTIONS OF THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE-THE DIFFICULTY

of enforcing the Law.

In the Police Commissioners yesterday sent to John Tay a communication, prepared by Chief Clerk Hawley, containing answers to the questions propounded on March 20 by the committee of citizens of which Mr. Jay is chairman. At the outset there is an imputation, delicately expressed, that some of the questions asked are too silly to deserve an answer, but care is taken to put the Commissioners on record as being in sympathy with the "avowed object of the movement which the committee represents." The principal difficulties in enforcing the present Excise law are stated to be: first, the arrest of offencers; second, the proof of the offence, and third, the pusishment inflicted.

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It will not do, the Commissioners think, to send uniformed policemen into liquor stores to collect evidence, because the policemen would be corrupted by the liquor dealers. Detectives are too busy with graver matters to be employed for that purpose. The magistrates require strong proof of guilt to warrant arrests in excise cases, and offending liquor dealers are punished too lightly when found guilty. New legislation on the subject should be framed with the idea of making the licensed liquor dealers interested agents in prevanting unlicensed traffic. This can be accomplished only by a much higher license fee than any now required.

The police are instructed, the reply says, to arrest all persons who violate the Excise law. There is no reason for leaving offending liquor dealers unnoclested, because they have been arrested and held to bail, but the frequent dismissal by a magistrate of a charge against an arressed dealer is regarded as an admonition that arrests in like cases are unlawful. Lists of alleged unlicensed places are unlawful. Lists of alleged unlicensed places are exceived from the Excise Commissioners at travellar intervals and the police captains are furnished with copies of these lists. Much attention has been paid by the police to the places kept by "Billy" McGlory and "Owney" (Goghegan since the two men were refused licenses, and arrests have been made in both places. If there has been a failure of justice in regard to violations of the Excise law, but captains of police have been instructed to make such detailments as may be necessary. In regard to the Sunday traffic the Commissioners do not think that many liquor stores are kept open, but hiquor is often seld unlawfully on Sunday. They have no information that the bars attached to the Hoffman House, the White Elephant and other public places are kept open on that day. The Board of Police has no authority

tection. The fact that a person is seen coming out of a store drunk is not regarded as prima facie evidence that he was made drunk in the place, nor is the fact that a child is seen carrying liquor from a place regarded as sufficient proof that the liquor was purchased by the child there.

1 The police made 67, 451 arrests in 1882, of which 20,321 were for intoxication and 5.149 were for intoxication and disorderly conduct. Seventeen persons were arrested for selling liquor to minors in the same year. There is a special difficulty in such cases, because it must be proved not only that the liquor was sold but also that the purchaser was a minor. Moral conviction in such cases is very different from legal evidence. The notice have no authority for arresting persons because "pool for drinks" is advertised in the liquor stores. The Commissioners think that a reduction in the number of liquor stores to one in 500 of the population would have "a most beneficent effect." They also regard concert halls and dance-houses in connection with liquor shops as "exceedingly rejurnous." The committee is invited to indicate a method of doing more under the present Excise law, and if the method suggested is practicable a trial is promised. It is expected that the committee will consult with the Commissioners on the subject after considering the answer presented. The naming of a day will rest with the committee according to an agreement made when the questions were propounded.

LAWLESSNESS IN MORRISANIA.

President French, of the Board of Police, received a letter yesterday from the Rev. E. H. Kettell, rector of St. Ann's Church, in East One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth-st., indicating that a portion of Morrisania at present is not a very safe place to live in. Following is a part of the letter: portion of Moirisania at pieces. It has been been been as my favors, but this neighborhood bas become infected with thieves, and midnight burgiaries and attempts at highway robbery are the order of the day; and it seems that something should be done to rid the community of the nuisance. Under these circumstances I venture to ask whether the police force in this district cannot, at least for a few weeks, be increased so that the posts riay be materially shortened, and the officers enabled to afford us a sufficient protection. I would also make bold to suggest that the mounted patrol be permitted to have their regular posts on the avenues and visit the side streets in this vicinity to drive away the tramps and accoundreds who congregate in them, feeling secure from police interference since the officers are at present only allowed to patrol the main avenues. I think this would materially lessen the present annoyance of robberies which we are now suject to.

The letter was considered at a meeting of the Police Commissioners yesterday. Chief Clerk Hawley was directed to inform Mr. Kettell that the

THE OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.

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The thirty-first annual commencement and reception of the New-York Ophthalinic Hospital and Coliege was held last night. The opening address was by President Thomas C. Smith, who referred to the death of two directors—Judge Schley and Peter Cooper—and then spoke of the work of the hospital. More than 9,000 patients were treated last year. Owing to a recent enlargement of the building a debt had been assumed, but Mr. Smith said that every patient was given treatment and medicine when anable to pay for them. Professor T. T. Allen and the Rev. Dr. Lloyd also inside addresses. The degree of surgeons of the eye and ear was then conferred on the following graduates, all of whom were physicians: Williard N. Bell, of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Charies G. Davis, of New York City; Thomas C. Williams, of New York City; Alexander Campbell, of Cincinnat, Ohio; Clarence S. Elebash, of New York City.

After a luncheon which followed the exercises, dancing was engaged in until a late hour.

FALSE REPORT ABOUT GENERAL GRANT. An unfounded report of the death of General Grant received such a wide circulation in Brooklyn yesterday that the Chief of Polico made official inquity of the police authorities in New-York as to the truth of the story. General Grant was at his office yesterday, and went out in the evening for a social visit. Inquiries at his house last night elicited the

information that he was enjoying better health than he has for some time.

THE TWICE-CASHED COUPONS.

AN OUTGROWTH OF TWEED'S REGIME. MAYOR EDSON ON THE ROBBERY-THE LOSS NOW ESTIMATED AT \$150,000-THE POSSIBILITY OF

MAYOR EDSON ON THE ROBBERY—THE LOSS NOW ESTIMATED AT \$150,000—THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRESTS BEING MADE.

Controller Campbell did not go to his office yesterday, owing to illness. Deputy-Controller Storrs and Auditor Jackson had a consultation, however, with the Controller at his house, in regard to the frauds unearthed in the Finance Department. Inspector Byrnes and Corporation Counsel Andrews were in consultation with the Mayor, and later Mr. Storrs called upon Police Justice Power at the Tombs. This gave rise to a rumor that the confederates of William B. Carroll, the deceased clerk who defrauded the city out of so large a sum of money by presenting coupons for payment the second time were to be arrested. The names of the persons who collected the interest the second time are known to the city authorities. There is a record of each payment in the Controller's office. Any person who knowingly presented a coupon for payment the second time must have committed perjury, as all bills of whatever kind have to be sworn to. It was thought, from these facts, that the city authorities were preparing to make arrests, if necessary, to prevent any person from escaping. Inquiry was made of Mayor Edson in regard to the matter.

"I do not know the name of any person," he said, "who collected coupons the second time. There must be a record, of course, in the Controller's office. I did not know a word about the frauds until Tuesday. At the close of the year it was known in the Controller's office that something was wrong with Carroll's books. Irregularities were discovered, but not until within a few days was it known that coupons had been cashed the second time."

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"Do the frauds extend back to ex-Controller Kelly's term?"

"Irregularities have been discovered in 1879, when Mr. Kelly was Controller."

In explaining the failure to discover the frauds one of the Commissioners of Accounts said:

"Carroll's books were always behind. Sometimes they were not written up for months. We called the attention of the Deputy Controller to this condition of affairs on several occasions. We did not suspect that there was anything wrong, but after Carroll died, we told the Deputy Controller that if the coupon books were not fully written up, so that we could examine them, that we would have to make an examination of all the coupons. In posting up the books, the irregularities were discovered. It required a great deal of work to examine each coupon."

"Was it not the business of Auditor Jackson to have discovered the frauds in auditing the youchers and statements presented to him by Carroi?"

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"I wonder that Mr. Jackson did not discover the dushicate numbers."

The Commissioners of Accounts have begun an examination of the compons presented since January 1, 1879. W. C. Emmet, the disbursing clerk, and his assistant. F. Forrester, were at their desks yesterday. Mr. Emmet called upon the Mayor and asked that a full investigation be made into the Irands. The Mayor informed Mr. Emmet that such investigation was now under way. Mr. Forrester said that all coupons that came to the disbursing desk in connection with the payment of warrants were placed in a drawer until the next morning, when they were punched by Mr. Emmet or himself and returned, with a schedule, to Carroil, from whom a receipt was taken. He could not remember that any coupons were not duly punched by Carroli and at the disbursing desk. He thought that there must have been duplicate accurate arrangled. Mr. Emmet said that such the thought that there must have been duplicate coupons presented. Mr. Emmit said that such might be the solution of the frauds. Deputy Controller Storrs, however, said that he was satisfied that no counterfeit coupons had been presented

W. H. Dikeman, secretary of the Sinking Fund W. H. Dikeman, secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission, pronounced as absurd the reports that there might be a deficiency in the Sinking Fund se-curities. All those securities were scanned by the Commissioners of Accounts in January and found correct. The city bonds, he said, are all registered except \$15,000,000 issued under a special law by Tweed. The coupons cashed a second time all be-long to that one issue of unregistered bonds.

THE CITY'S WATER-FRONT.

PLANS OF THE DOCK COMMISSIONERS. NEW BULKHEADS AND PIERS FOR THE EAST AND

NORTH RIVERS.

The recent announcement that the Dock

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\$2,500,000 will be needed for the acquirement of private property, and \$7,500,000 for the contraction of the plers and builheads.

ADVANTAGES OF THE PLAN.

This plan would give to the city splendld pier property, it would take up a small portion of private property, and, if carried out, the Dock Commissioners feel sure that it would be of great advantage to commerce, which is now driven eisewhere for accommodations. As compared with the proposed plans of 1871, the Commissioners assert that they are prepared to show that the new plans are far superior. Resides the proposed forty piers it would give to the city a commodious river street. The proposition to set this section apart exclusively for yessels employed in the sound traffic has been met with favor by some of the steamboat companies. The piers nearer the Battery, and those now occupied by the Sound lines, could be used by deep sea vessels which are in need of more room. The Dock Department has been much embarrassed because the builkhead lines have not been clearly defined on the Harlein River and on the upper portions of the East River front. All business interests are clamoring for more pier room, and the Commissioners feel that they are not fastiled in improving that part of the water-front by the erection of permanent structures, because the lines have not been defined. One of the most important sections of the Harlein River front has never had a permanent builkhead, and there are no catabilished lines by which such work could be done. The property owners say that they are desirous of having the city improve this part of the water front, or of being permitted to make such improvements upon their own account. For the purpose of giving temporary accommodations to the various coal, lumber and other interests in Yorkville and Harlein the Dock Department has expended considerable time and money for repairs of old builkheads, and this is all the Commissioners felt warranted in doing.

The scheme introduced in the last Legislature for the extension of Avenue A

improvements which have been of great benefit to the city's interests. The widening of West-st. in some places has proved advantageous to the carting and other interests, doing away with many of the vexatious and prolonged blockades incident to a narrow river street where so much business is carried on. North of Twenty-third-st. the improvements in the building of builkheads and plers have advanced well, and the builkhead and four new plers at Twenty-fourth. Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh-sts. would have been completed long ago had it not been for interruptions on the part of claimants of private property. Commissioner Laimbeer has had the personal supervision of this work, and has conducted it on an economical plan, placing it under the control of a superintendeut, a mathematician and a clerk. The new builkhead wall between Twenty-seventh and Thirtleth-sts. is going on favorably and will, so far as the piling and the preparations for the mason work are concerned, be completed in a few weeks. The portion of this section lying south of Twenty-ninth-st. has advanced to the laying of the betton blocks in position and the completion of the filling, and the workmen are putting in the rip-rap on both sides of the builkhead. This will make a continuous frontage of builkhead of some 1,500 feet, with four piers already completed and under rental between Twenty-third and Twenty-seventh-sts.

It is hoped that by July this entire section of builkhead wall will be completed, together with three additional piers similar to tnose mentioned. When these new piers are finished they will probably be taken up by large steamship lines on long-time leases, as there is not the room for their accommodation south of this point, and as it will take a long time to complete the proposed 400 feet of new builkhead and the three new piers between Vesey and Dey-sits on the West Washington Market front. The plans and specifications for this new work will be completed soon, and the Commissioners believe that they have no excuse for further del

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A mass meeting of the carpenters of this city was held in Irving Hall last evening to consider various evils and show their strength. Resolutions embodying their demands were read as follows: The rate of wages is to be \$3.50 a day after April 16; double pay is demanded for holidays and over-time; expenses of workmen when out of rewn at work must be paid by the bosses, and eight hours on Saturday are to constitute a full day's work; the practice of "limping" must be discountenanced. The demand for the advance in wages is to be made before Saturday, and a meeting will be held in Clarendon Hall on Saturday night for the purpose of learning the reports from the shops. The carpenters seem to be determined to have the concessions named above on Monday or go on strike. The association has a membership of over 3,500, and they have a balance in the treasury of over \$7,000. It is thought, however, that there will be no necessity for a strike.

ACCOUNTS OF THE ORIENTAL BANK.

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An adjourned meeting of the depositors of the Oriental Savings Bank, which failed in 1877, was held inst night for the ostensiole purpose of taking action to compel the receivers to file an accounting with the County Clerk, and to secure for the depositors whatever balance might still be on hand. Only two or three of the depositors were present, and a Mr. Christopher, who represented them as connsel. After long waiting for other depositors Mr. Christopher declared the meeting adjourned for one week. R. J. Hogan, who was elected treasurer at a previous meeting, stated that the receivers had failed to account for about \$75,000. The receivers are Messrs. Robert Hoe, George G. Hallock and Stephen B. Tucker.

HISTORY OF RUSSIAN CORONATION,

The first Russian Czar who introduced the ceremony of coronation into Russia was the mighty John III or Ivan III (1462-1505), the contemporary of our Edward IV., Richard III., and Henry VII. If married Sophia, the niece of the very lest Imperial orthodox Emperor of Constantinople, and by this marriage claimed a sort of succession to the first Christian Casar. It was In his reign, when the Turk became master of the achient capital of Eastern Christendom, that the kings of Western Europe seem first to have become aware of the rise of the powerful new Christian monarchy in Eastern Europe, and began to send Ambassadors to Mercow, Ivan did not crown himself, but in 1498-so camply invested fits grandson. Demetrius, with the Imperial Christian diadem and robe which had been brought from Constantinople, and had been worn by the Casars of the Ivan did not crown himself, but in 1498 so emnily invested fits grandson. Demetrius, with the Imperial Christian diadem and robe which had been brought from Constantinople, and had been worn by the Cassars of the Enstern Empire. The ceremony of unction at the coronation was afterward introduced by Ivan IV, or "The Terrible," and has since remained as it hadal asong been in Western Europe an inseparable adjunct of the coronation. Ivan IV was the first Czar who received the Eucharist at his ceronation. Michael Theodrovitisch insisted upon being anotited, not only on his forehead and over his lips, but on his beard also, after the biblical precedent. In earlier times the clergy of the Russian (our his lips, but on his beard also, after the biblical precedent. In earlier times the clergy of the Russian the National Primates, the Archibshops of Cantrebury, Rheims and Mainz, should consecrate" the national monarch to his office, so it was in Russia with the Patriarch of Moscow. The Preiafe was supposed to be the peculiar steward and minister of the secramental rite of coronation. He gave the divine confirmation and unction to the presumed free choice of the people. The voice of the presule was thus supposed to become the voice of God. The notion of a divine right inherent in the head of a reigning family was a comparatively late conception in Russia, as well as it the West. This appears, however, to be now the predominant notion both of the Russian Czars and the Prussian Kings. The present decriman Emperor took the crown from the altar and placed it upon his own head. Similarly in Russia the representatives of the Church now play quite a sub-ordinate part in the coronation of the Czars, being little more than ministering servants and assisting spectators. Formerty the Muscovite Patriarch stood in much the same relation to the Muscovite Monarch as the Roman Pope stood to the Roman Emperors throughout the Patriarch stood upon an equal level, and the Russian secular and ecclesiasical chefaths represented the ancient the

WEALTH IN A WASH-TUR

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From The Supinate Courser.

A story bordering a little on the romantic, and of which more will probably be heard in the future, came to the ears of a news gatherer yesterday, the facts of which, as near as can be learned, being as follows: The parties who are principally interested live in this city, and the story was told by one of them, an English lady named Mrs. Thomas kay. It seems that a numb r of years ago the family of whom Mrs. Kay is a member came over from London, England, to this country. Three years ago Mrs. Kay's mother died at the advanced age of cighty-live years, and the room the old lady occupied was not disturbed after her death for a long time, if aving occasion last August to go to a bureau in the room, among a number of other articles stored away Mrs. Kay found an old-fashioned account and pocket-book combined, in which were records kept by that lady's greatgrandfather as far back as the year 1745, and in it a marriage certificate of the same date. Thinking perhaps the book was of value, she put it in her pocket and for a time forgot its existence. Washing day coming arcund, the dress was consigned to the tub, pocket-book and all, and when discovered the latter had become thoroughty soaked, and being taken out fell to pieces, disclosing to view a piece of paper between the linings of the back. The paper proved to be a note for 2265, made in New-York in 1783, just a century ago, to be puld by a London merchant named Wilhelm Roulette to William Goderich, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Kay. The note was duly indorsed, and being shown to several parties it was declared genuine.

Dave Neuman, the express agent living in Saginaw City, who is a son-in-law of Mrs. Kay's, was given the note for safe-keeping, and still has possession of it. Letters were sent to London making inquiry for the relatives of the maker of the note, but nothing has been received in reply, and one or two letters have been returned. The original sum. £265, will, with interest and compound interest, by th

CATCHING A GYASCUTUS.

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From The Marywellle Appeal.

Tom Clyma of North Butte captured by means of a steel trap a few days ago an animal supposed to be a marten. In some respects the animal resembles a for and is quite a curiosity. The most singular thing about the quadruped, if report be true, is that the legs on one side of its body are several inches shorter than those on the other side. Should such prove to be the case, the creature is undoubtedly a gyascutus, an animal always exceedingly rare, and which has long been thought exities. It is never found in other than hilly regions, its peculiar structure unfitting it for a level country. By reason of its peculiar one sided development the gyasculus is, however, adapted for living on mountains and hills. It can waik with ease on the side of a steep slope, where even a goat would have a precarious footnoid. The animal's strange structure, unfortunately, is in one respect a great diaadvantage. While it can travel around a hill from right to left with the timest case, it cannot retrace its steps. So long as its left side is toward the kill the creature stands as firmly as a tree, but if it is obliged to turn the other way its footing is lost immediately and it rolls helplessly to the bottom of the slope.

Hunters of the gyasculus, whose fur was held in high esteem, used to avail themselves of this fact to capture the auimal. It was taeless to pursue a gyasculus on its chosen path, as the animal's locomotive arrangements gave it exceptional speed. The hunters, therefore, adopted the artifles of travelling around the nill in a direction contrary to that pursued by the animal, and meeting it face to face had no difficulty in securing it.

"Don't you remember me?" "Can't say that To bot tyou remember her? Can't say that I ever saw you before." "Wny, don't you remember little sammy Bambry, who used to steal your peaches, and break your windows twenty years ago, right bere in Austin ?" "Why, certainly, I remember you now. And I tanced your little hide for you when I caught you." You bet you did. Ab, those happy days will never come again."—Texas Siftings.

Two gentlemen being out early one Sunday I wo gentlemen being out early one Sunday in the suburbs of London, one of them remarked. "How plainly one can hear the London church bells this morning; did you notice it!" "Yes; I have noticed of late that the sound of the bells could be heard more distinctly since the opening of the new road. You see that it shortest the distance to town." "That's so; I did not think of that till you spoke," was the reply; and they both walked on, mutually pleased with having solved the difficult question.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY. Barwich-McLean breach-of-promise case before Refere

Croak.

Gill insanity case before Sheriff's jury.

Phi Beta Kappa Society meeting at Columbia College.

Fromme-Elevated Railway suit at Jefferson Market

Folice Court.

Irish Societies Convention at Central Hall.

Yates will case before Judge Lawrence.

Eleverth Street Cemetery injunction argument before

Justice Barrett.

Justice Barrett. Cleveland-Metropolitan baseball game on Polo

Six disabled patrolmen were retired on pensions by the Police Commissioners vesterday.

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A complimentary dinner to Salvini is to be given at the Hotel Brunswick on April 26. Joseph H. Choate will preside.

The provision trade of the Produce Exchange yesterday voted in favor of limiting the minimum rates of brokerage and commissions on contracts.

Commissioner S. F. Pearson, assistant to Mr. Fink, and having special charge of the passenger business, was at Castle Garden yesterday examining the system of forwarding immigrants.

L. Perkins beat G. H. Clarke in a championship

L. Perkins beat G. H. Clarke in a championship contest at the Racquet Court yesterday by a score of 47 to 36.

The game of baseball at the Polo Grounds yester-day between the Cleveland and the Metropolitan nines was postponed on account of the rain. Dr. Murray and Dr. Nichols delivered lectures on "First Aid to the Injured" to policemen of the First and Fourth Precincts, at Police Headquarters

vesterday. The steamers Bristol and Providence, of the Fall River Line, are now running every day, Sundays included. Fares will not be increased for the Mrs. Langtry was in the city for a short time

yesterday, and took lunch at Delmonico's. She de-parted by an afternoon train. She will appear at the Fifth Avenue Theatre on April 23. The New-York and New-Jersey Creamery Associ-ation met at Steel's Hotel in Greenwich-st., yester-lay. The temporary board of officers was made

The Mercantile Trust Company paid out nearly \$800,000 yesterday for dividends on Western Union Telegraph stock, which Jay Gould had authorized

the company to buy for his personal account. The sum paid covers about one-half of the dividend. THE CHARGES AGAINST MR. THOMPSON,
Mayor Edson has sent to the Council of Reform
the reply made by Commissioner Thompson to the
charges presented against him. The Mayor said
yesterday that unless the Council of Reform made
more charges he would take no further action in
the matter.

AN EXPLANATION FROM C. G. TAYLOR.
Charles G. Taylor, who frightened his former employer, T.B. Stewart, at No. 21 East Seventeenth-st., on Wednesday, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday. He said he had always carried firearms, and meant no harm to Mr. Stewart. He was placed in Bellevue Hospital.

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"DOCTOR" BLISS GETS A LIGHT SENTENCE.
Erastus B. Treat, a publisher at No. 757 Broadway, was robbed a few days ago of \$25,000 in bonds, which were kept in a safe in his office. David C. Bliss, known as "The Doctor," was arrested for the robbery and he pleaded guilty. As he restored the stolen property and made a strong plea for mercy, Recorder Smyth yesterday sentenced him to imprisonment for only two years.

MICHIELL TO MEET CLARY.

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A report was circulated about town yesterday that "Mike" Cleary, the Philadelphia puglist who fared so badly at the hands of Mitchell, the English boxer, at the latter's benefit at the American Institute last Monday evening, was anxious to meet Mitchell in the ring. It was said that thepapers were to be drawn up to-day, but nothing definite has been arranged so far as can be learned, though there is little doubt of an early meeting.

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SUSPINSION OF A "BUCKET-SHOP."

S. H. Sprague & Co., who have run a large "bucket-shop" for trading in stocks at No. 40 Broadway, announced yesterday their mability to fulfil their contracts, as the capitalist of the concern, E. J. Gove, of Brooklyn, was sick with pneumonia and the funds were exhausted. The amount due their customers is reported all the way from \$1,200 to \$6,000. Claims were hawked about at 25 cents on the dollar.

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RESCUED IN MID-OCKAN.

The French line steamship France, which arrived from Havre yesterday, had on board Captain Senecal and twenty others who were rescued from the sinking fishing schooner Roland, of Cette, France, at sea, on April 6. The Roland was from Cette bound to the fishing banks, off the Newfoundland coast, and was dismasted in a gale on April 2. A German steamship offered to take the crew off on April 4, but Captain Senecal was distinctined to abandon her, as he hoped to get her into port. She was sinking when the France took teem off.

COACHMEN STEATMED FOR 1991 COACHMEN STEALING PET DOGS.

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A case in the Jetterson Market Police Court yesterday brought out a novel feature of summer life at Newport. W. L. Kane, a brother of Colonel De Lancey Kane, lost a valuable Skye terrier dog in August, 1882, which he affirmed was now in possession of a coachman in this city named John Thearl. He made no charge against Thearl, but said that some of the coachmen who spend the summer at Newport made a habit of getting what dogs they can, and sending them to this city for sale. Thearl said he bought the dog, and the Justice suggested to Mr. Kane a writ of replevin.

DOGA SCHERNIKOW NOT TO BE PARDONED.

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District-Attorney McKeon received a letter yesterday from Governor Cleveland, in reference to the pardon of Dora Schernikow, who was convicted under District-Attorney Rollins of having enticed a German immigrant girl into a disorderly house, and who was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. An effort has recently been made by her friends to have ber pardoned. The District-Attorncy represented to the Governor the facts that led to the conviction, and the latter has decided to take no further action in the matter.

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DIRECTORS FOR A CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.
The National Petroleum Exchange members balloted yesterday for the fifteen members of the Governing Committee of the proposed consolidated New-York Mining Stock Exchange and National Petroleum Exchange, to which the National Exchange is entitled. The following ticket was elected: Three years—Charles G. Wiison, Henry H. Trumau, J. S. Stanton, Emil Schalk and James F. Hughes; two years—Randal H. Foote, C. F. Schramme, Howard Bird, W. J. Osborn and S. S. Sonneborn; and one year—F. H. O'Connor, James E. Little, E. H. Bunker, H. A. Heiser and C. G. Fales. LIQUOR DEALERS MULCIED \$400.

Recorder Smyth yesterday acted on fifty excise cases that were before him in the Court of General Sessions. Most of the prisoners pleaded guilty, and were fined, about \$400 being collected by the chief clerk. Kate Conklin, who kept a disorderly resort in North Williamest, was sent to the City Prison for therty days. Henry Holk, against whom there were two complaints, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$30 and spend ten days in the City Prison. Most of the remaining excess cases in the District-Attorney's the remaining excise cases in the District-Attorney's office will be disposed of to-day.

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THE HISTORY OF MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE.
The Society of Medical Jurisprudence and State Medicine, at its meeting last evening, listened to the inaugural address of William Barnes, the president of the society. Mr. Barnes traced the history of medical jurisprudence in this country from 1804, when James S. Stringman delivered tee first lecture upon this subject, to the present time. The following honorary members were elected: Dr. Frank H. Hamilton, of New-York; Charles Meymott Tidy, F. K. C. S., of London, Eug.; Ernest Chaude, M. D., president of the Société de Médecine Légale, of Paris; Dr. O. W. Wight, of Detroit, Mich.

BOXING EXHIBITION AT "HARRY" HILL'S.

Paris; Dr. O. W. Wight, of Detroit. Mich.

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"Pop" Whittaker took a benefit at "Harry"
Hill's yesterday afternoon, and had a large attendance. After the usual variety performance, the
McShane boys, pigmies scarcely three feet high,
stepped upon the stage and sparred with gloves.
They were followed by the negroes "Bill" Towset
and Elliot. Bibby and George Herbert then gave
an exhibition of Graeco-Roman wrestling; "Gus"
Lambert and the "Black Dammand" did some very
hard hitting; "Black Sam" and John Dolphin followed them; and the "wind-up" was between
"Johnby" Kyley and "Pete" McCoy.

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O. F. Smith, of No. 238 East Seventy-fourth-st., was reported yesterday as having died suddenly from the effects of an overdose of belladona. Dr. W. H. King, of No. 37 West Forty-second-st., who prescribed the drug, said last night that this was a mistake. Mr. Smith had been very ill for the last two months with an ulceration or a cancer of the bladder. Last might the physician found him sinking rapidly, and administered at intervals several small doses of the belladona, the total of which, taken at once, he said, was not enough to kill a man.

SAFETY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND. SAFETY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND.

The overdue Imman steamship City of Richmond was reported off Fire Island at 8 a. m. yesterday, and it was at first thought that she was outsine waiting for the fog to clear before coming up to the wharf, but on inquiry on board the steamship France, of the Transatlantic line, it was learned that the France overtook her about 500 miles dis-tant from this port, and perceiving that she was moving slowly, the officers asked if any assistance was required. They were informed that the machinery was slightly damaged, but that no assistance was necessary. The City of Richmond is expected to come up to her pier this morning.

MRS. MORDAUNT'S CASE DISMISSED.

The GrandJury yesterday finished its investigation into the charge of felonious assault made by Frank Mordaunt, the actor, against his wife. Mrs. Fannie Mordaunt. He accused her of having aimed a pistoist him immediately after he had been discharged in a Police court. The Grand Jury heard the testimony of Mrs. Mordaunt and her daughter, as well as of the complainant, and the case was dismissed.

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CAUSING ANNOYANCE TO WITNESSES.

Frequent complaints have been made recently by persons who were sammoned before the Grand Jury that they were compelled to wait all the morning without being heard, and that they sometimes had to make a second or third visit to the jury-room. Yesterday twenty-seven cases in which witnesses were summoned were passed over without attention, and nearly forty witnesses were sent away. The trouble is said to arise from the fact that cases are brought to the attention of the Grand Jury by the representative of the District-Attorney's office, in which the testimony is very long and there is only a single witness, representing some society, while the prison cases, in which many witnesses have been summoned, are neglected.

BROOKLYN.

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The new Seventh-ave. surface road will be opened

on Thursday.

Baroum's show will appear in Brooklyn on April 23 and continue one week.

The driver of a "bob-tailed" car says that if he did not tie a knot in the tail of his horse, there would be great risk of its going through the collar. Gifford L. Hart, the lawyer, of No. 1,072 Lafay-ette-ave., who died in St. Joseph's Hospital in East New-York on Wednesday night, poisoned himself with laudanum. He had attempted to end his life twice before.

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Sergeant Rogers and Policeman Tallman, of the Ninth Precinct, were charged with negligence before the Police Commissioner vesterday. A prisoner who passed their inspection at the Police Station on being taken to Raymond Street Jail was found to have a loaded revolver in his possession, like the one John Kenny shot himself with in the jail. The policemen admit that they did not search the man.

The twenty-ninth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Brooklyn was

The twenty-ninth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Brooklyn was celebrated last night in the hall of the Long Island Historical Society. Edwin Packard, president of the Association, conducted the exercises. Addresses were declivered by the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, Rector of St. George's Church, New-York, and the Rev. Dr. A. J. F. Echrends, of the Central Congregational Church. The report of the general secretary, T. J. Wilkie, showed that the number of active and associate members is 1,395, an increase of 56 over the previous year. More than 136,038 persons entered the building on week days for Association purposes.

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William H. Smith, a New York confidence man, was convicted yesterday in the Circuit Court of swindling Andrew Farz out of \$220 by borrowing it on some specious excuse. He was sentenced to three years in State prison.

The carpinters and joiners of Jersey City have determined to demand an increase of wages from \$2.75 to \$3. At a largely attended meeting of the craft on Wednesday night a committee was appointed to wait on the boss carpenters and present the demand. The committee will report to a meeting of the Union to be held next Monday evening, and in case the demand is refused a strike will be begun on Monday, the 23d,

WESICHESTER COUNTY.

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YONKERS.—A public meeting was held on Wednesday evening for discussing the polluted Nepperhan, which flows through the most populous part of that city, into which much flith is poured. City Engineer Wisson, when asked as to the cost of building a large trunk sewer, said that it would approximate \$200,000.

TUCKAHOE.—Last October the Board of Education TUCKAHOE.—Last October the Board of Education discharged J. G. Cleveland, principal of the village school, charging neglect of duty. Mr. Cleveland appealed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and a hot contest ensued, as it was regarded as a test case. On April 5 the superintendent decided, ordering the board to reinstate Mr. Cleveland in the school, with full pay for all the time intervening between the time of his discharge and his reinstatement.

STATEN ISLAND.

New-Brightton—County Treasurer James Tully sold at his office yesterday bonds to the amount of \$57,000 to the Staten Island Savings Bank at 4 per cent, with 114 cent premium. The bonds fail due in 1898.

MRS. RAMSDEN'S TALE OF WOE.

TESTIMONY BEFORE JUSTICE HERRMAN. FORTUNE OF \$300,000 SQUANDERED IN A YEAR -AN UNEXPECTED WITNESS "BOBS UP," BUT NOT SERENELY.

The case of Ramsden against Ramsden came again for hearing before Justice Herrman yesterday, none of the smaller rooms of the Yorkville Police Court. The husband sat at one side of the table motioness and glaring fixedly at his wife sitting opposite. Was Ramsden gave her evidence in a voluble and extited way, at times looking with tear-stained eyes at her

husband. The counsel for the defendant asked her, 'How did you meet your husband !"
"It was at my consin's house. I was staying there, a young, rich widow from Egypt. One evening my cousins gave a grand party. There was dancing, but I sat on the sofa alone. I could not dance, because I was in mourning. And then he came. Some one—I do not know who—brought him up to the sofa on which I was sitting and introduced him to me. He was fresh from the war. He was young and handsome and of delightful thanners. He made a tool of me as he has of many other women. Oh! the power that man has! He did not dance that night. All the evening he sat there on the sofa with me, while the dancers hurriet past and did not heed us. He stayed till 2 in the motning, when the party broke up. That was the first night."

"And then I"
"The second day he came and told me of some beautiful pictures he had saved from a burning church in the Crimes.
I loved pictures. I admired him. I bought them and gave him £1,000 for them, and I also gave him £2,000 to buy some Ottoman shares he thought well of."

"And the third day!"
"I went to Paris. We met again. Next year we were married. You laugh, sir," she added, to the counsel on the other side. "You laugh, Ah! I teliyou this is only one episode in my most miscrable life. Were my story all told, it would rival the Thousand and One Nights of the Arabian tailes."

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"Was Mr. Kaussden a nice man in those days!"

"Nice! Indeed he was. He was a perfect man. Now, too, if he chooses," she continued, looking sadiy at Mr. Ramsden, "he can be all that is splendid."

"And how long after that did he spend your fortune!"

"In one year my \$500,000 was all spent and gambled away, and I had to ask my friends for assistance.

"When I came here to this strange country," Mrs. Ramsden continued, "I lodged in Forty-second-st. on-posite the house my husband was in. Day by day! saw him one in and out of his door. I saw him in his room. I saw him tend the flowers in the garden. Then I appealed to him in his office. No use. I heard of Helen Stagg. One morning I went to Helen Stagg's house. I pretended I wanted a room. I asked her if she had one. Oh, yes, she had one. Then I asked her for references. She pulled out a card and gave it to me. I read it. It pretended I wanted a room. I asked her if she had one.
Oh, yes, she had one. Then I asked her for references.
She pulled out a card and gave it to me. I read it. It
was my husband's card. 'Is this your husbandt' I
asked Helen Starg. 'Oh, no; not yet,' she said, and
sinpered and suiled. It was terrible. I went away. I
appealed to my husband again. He told me he wished I
had died in prison. He told me he had plenty of money
for other women, but none for me. He repuised me—me,
his wife."

his wife."
In January, 1882, Helen Stagg died, being sixty years of ace. As her husband sat in his carriage attending the funeral. Mrs. Ramsden drove past him. As she passed, she thrust her head out of the carriage window and pointed to the hearse: "There lies your love," she said. A witness, who boarded in the same house with Mr. Ramsden and Helen Stagg, was next put on the stand. "What do you think of Mr. Ramsden!" was the question.

question.

"He is a gentleman and a boarder," answered a voice from the end of the room.

"Will that old lady "there sit down!" [said Justice Herrman. The old lady refused to sit down.

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"She is a lady and a -," came from the back of the room.

"Sit down there!" thundered the Court. "Let's have her up here," said the counsel on both sides. The old lady came up and took the stand. "I keep a respectable house," she said. "Mr. Ramsden and Helen Stagg were staying there. De yeu supprese I'd have had them there if they weren't respectable!"

"Madame, what room did -"

"Young man, none of that," screamed the old lady.
"it's a respectable house, I tell you. They didn't occupy the same room, sither."

The Justice smiled loudly, the lawyers on both sides smiled, and the old lady was allowed to step down.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. Sunris's 5:24; sets, 6:37; Moon sets 0:21; Moon's age,d'ys 6

HIGH WATER TO-DAY. A.M.—Sandy Hook, 0:45; Gov. Island, 0:42; Hell Gata, 2:81 P.M.—Sandy Hook, 0:43; Gov. Island, 1:10; dell Gate, 2:59 FOREIGN STEAMERS DUE AT THIS PORT.

... Hull ... West Indies.... Hull .LiverpoolLiverpool White Star. SATURDAY, APRIL 14. Aspinwail Atlae.
Amsterdam Royal Mail, SUNDAY, APRIL 15. Hamburg. Hamb-Amer.
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SHIPPING NEWS. PORT OF NEW-YORK THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1883, ARRIVED.

...Liverpool.

Steamer Wisconsin (Br., Righy, Liverpool March 21 via Cheenatown April I, with moise and passengers to Williams & Guien.

Steamer Lake Winnipeg (Br), Stewart. Liverpool March 28 via Queenatown April I, with moise and passengers to Seager Bros. Steamer Prance (Fr), d'Hauterive. Havre 12 days, with moise and passengers to Seager Bros. Steamer Prance (Fr), d'Hauterive. Havre 12 days, with moise and passengers to Seager Bros. Steamer Prance (Fr), d'Hauterive. Havre 12 days, with moise and passengers to Seager Bros. Steamer Cornwall (Br), Brown, Maita March 11, Catania 14, Messie of Palestre 21, Gradian 26, with moise to Palestre (Br., Clark, Rio Janeiro March 18, Bahia 21, Maccio 27, with moise and passengers to Bnak & Jevons. Steamer Caracas. Hopkins, Lagrayra March 30, Porto Cabello 31, Curacos April 4, with moise and passengers to Boulton, Blist & Dallett.

Steamer Belize (Br), Cameron. Carthagena March 21, Savanilla 30, Kingston April 4, with moise to Sanderson & Son.

Steamer Monters (Span), Villamil, San Domingo City March 21, St Thomas 7 days, with moise to H Baliey & Co.

Steamer Sante Domingo, Reed, San Domingo City March 21, St Thomas 7 days, with moise to H Mailory & Co.

Steamer Sante Domingo, Reed, San Domingo City March 21, Savanna Bay April 2, Porto Piats 3, Cape Hawtien 5, Turk's Leiand 7, with moise and passengers to Wm P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Chaimette, Reed, New-Orleans 6 days with moise to Bogert & Morgan.

Steamer Repidan, Jenney, West Point, Va, with moise to Old Dominion Ss Co.

Bark Casildo, Kirby, London 37 days, with cament and empty barrels to order; vessel to Thomas Dunham's Nephew & Co.

Bark Christian Scriver (Nor), Nielsen, Liverpool 49 days, with thall to J P & G C Robinson; vessel to Bockmann, Oerlein & Co. with sait to J P & G C Robinson; vessel to Bockmann, Cerlein & Co.

Bark Imperator (Aust), Premuda, St Vincent 24 days, in ballast to A J Ennis.

Bark Honanza Norr, Kondsen. Rio Janeiro 50 days, with moles to Phipps & Co. vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Janie of Bristoli, Biythe, Pernambuco 45 days, with sugar to Matthiassen & Weichers, vessel to Seacre Bross.

Bark Souvenir (Norr, Andreasen, Matanzas 12 days, with sugnit to Moses Taylor & Co; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Brig Daniel Trowbridge (of New-Haven), Bunker, Barbadoes 21 days, with molasses to D Trowbridge & Co.

SUNSE C-Wind at Sandy Hook moderate, NE; thick fog. At City Island, fresh, NE; thick fog.

CLEARED.
Steamer Britannia (Br), Symonds, Dublin-Seager Bros.
Steamer Tunstall (Br), Mackle, Halifax, NS, and St John. Steamer Tunstall (Br), Mackle, Hailfax, NS, and St John, NB-S H Seaman.
Steamer Pomona (Br), Cook, Montego Bay-G Wessels & Co Steamer Edith Godden (Br), Beauett, Kingsten-G Wessels Steamer Edith Godden (Br.), Bennett, Kingston—O weakers & Co.

Steamer Flamborough (Br.), Fraser, Hamilton, Bermuda—
A E Outerbridge & Co.
Steamer City of Washington, Reynolds, Havana and Mexican ports—F Alexandre & Sons.
Steamer Rapidan, Jenney, West Point, Va—Oid Dominion Sa Co.
Steamer Roanoka, Couch, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond—Oid Dominion Sa Co.
Steamer J W Garrett, Foster, Baltimora—J S Krems.
Steamer Nyanza (Br., Clark, Philadelphia—Scager Bros.
Steamer Breakwater, Boaz, Lowes, Del—Oid Dominion Sa Co.

Steamer Pranconia, Bennett, Portland J F Ames. Steamer Neptune, Berry, Boston-H F Dimock. Bark Arab Steed (Swed), Skantze, Stockholm -Funch, Edyo & Co.

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Edye & Co.
Bark Mozart (Ger). Gottheil, Hamburg-Watjen, Toel & Co.
Bark Neptun (Ger), Johannesen, Hamburg-Benham & Boyseen.

Bark Hwat (Anst), Forempher, Lisbon—Slocovich & Co.

Bark Antonio d'Abundo (Ital), Cammorato, Tarragona and

Barcelon—Jde (Elvera & Co.

Bark Edith Carmehaei (Br), McEachern, Savannah—Ed
niston & Lumbher. miston & Lumphear. Brig Cadet, Sawyer, Cardenas—Simpson, Clapp & Co.

Steamer Celtic and Lake Nepigon, for Liverpool: Viking, Erin and Egyptian Monarch, London: State of Florida, Giassow Washington, Palermor Prista, Hamburg: Marengo, Hull: City of Washington, Palermor Prista, Hamburg: Marengo, Hull: City of Washington, Hayana; Preja, St Kitts, Roanoke, Richmond; Rapidan, West Polut, Va. Barg Hayana, Hayana, Also salied—Via Long Island Sound—Steamer Franconia, for Portland. THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

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FOREIGN PORTS.

LONDON, April 12—Arrived, steamer Rowland (Br), Cox, from New-Orleans March 16.

QUIENNSTOWN, April 12—Arrived, steamers, Servia (Br), Cook, from New-York April 4, on her way to Liverpool (and proceeded); Briliab Priace, Br), Burton, from Philadelphia April 1 on her way to Liverpool, Sulled, steamer, Nevada (Br), Bremner, from Liverpool hence for New York.

Also arrived, steamer Wyoming (Br), Douglass, from New York. Also arrived, steamer Wyoming (Br), Douglass, from New-York April 3, on her way to Liverbook, Glassow, April 12—Sailed, steamer Bonyia (Br), Donaldson for New-York.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

PORTLAND, April 12-Arrived, steamer Toronto (Br), Gibson, Liverpool.

Salled, asamrer Nova Scotian, Liverpool.

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Giancus, Bearrer, Bostom; Norman, Nickerson, Philadelphia,

Salied, Steamer City of Columbus, Savanna,

PHILADELPHI, April 12—Arrived, steamers Pannie, Grum

Bey, New York, Ayerill (Br), Speck, Marbellas, Howick (Br),

Young, Mediterranean Porte; Mayumba (Span), De Silva,

West, Indies; Laucaster, Mills, Portsmouth; Williamsport,

Willetta, Salem.

Cleared steamers, Equator, Highley, Charleston, Tacony.

West Indies; Lancaster, Mills, Fortsmouth; Willands, Willetts, Salem.
Cleared, steamers Equator, Hinkley, Charleston; Tacony, Davis New-York; Hercules, Ritson, Newburyport.
BALTIMORE. April 12—Arrive-i, steamer Ocean King (Br), Battershy, Liverpool; India (Ger), Holdt, Antwerp Oranbrook (18), Pell, Renisaf: Elphinstone (Br), Dobson, Forman; Josephine Thompson, Moore, New-York.
Cleared, steamers Weser (Gr), Bruns, Bremen; Guinard, Cleared, steamers Weser (Gr), Bruns, Bremen; Guiner, Fw. Charleston, April 12—Salted, steamer Gate City, Beston.
CHARLESTON, April 12—Salted, steamer Gate City, Boston.

LONDON, April 12—Sailed, 9th inst. Cibele. Emma D, Ysta vat, for Balthnore; 11th inst. Cordillera, James Drummonds for the Delaware, Lydia Peschau; 12th inst. Cromweil.
Arrived, 23th uit, Carrick; 9th inst, Aina (Capt Johansen),
Bernardo Chiozza: 11th inst, Audif, Blanca Casanova, off the
Lizard, Paolina Zino, Secondo Tre, Fanciulli, Sountag; 12th
inst, Easteroft, Emilia, Gymer.

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